

## THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It Closes for the Annual Inventory  
To-day and Will Remain

CLOSED FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

List of the Volumes Added in the Last Month—A Few Interesting Figures Gleaned From the Annual Statements of Past Years—The Library Catalog in Popularity—Fiction Has a Great "Hold."

Last night the public library closed for the purpose of allowing the librarians, Miss A. B. Wilson and her assistants an opportunity to take the annual inventory. Throughout the day the rooms were crowded with people who had volumes out, and as usual waited until the last moment to return them. The slowness of some is explained by the fact that in cases where books are not returned before the taking of the inventory, the person's card is taken from him and he no longer is eligible to the advantages and privileges of the library. The library will remain closed, so far as the circulation of books is concerned, for a week, but in three days the reading room will again be open to the public.

From the records kept by the librarians, Miss A. B. Wilson, some interesting figures are obtained. Perhaps the most important phase brought out is the fact that in 1894 the total circulation exceeded that of any other similar period since 1883, when the board of education opened the public library. Ninety-four circulation footed up 67,153, divided among the months as follows: January, 7,882 (the banner month); February, 7,242; March, 7,187; April, 5,707; May, 1,165; June, 2,354 (the library was closed in portion of May and June, explaining the decrease in circulation); July, 5,363; August, 6,138; September, 5,326; October, 6,783; November, 6,237; December, 6,270. From these figures it will be seen that the people use the library during the winter months to a greater extent than in the summer, when out-of-door amusements entice the reader from his books. The circulation of years previous to 1894, was as follows: 1893, 63,324; 1892, 57,228; 1891, 54,207; 1890, 59,362; 1889, 59,851; 1888, 62,695; 1887, 58,307; 1886, 54,557; 1885, 57,898; 1884, 47,756; 1883, 41,361. The library has grown in popularity right along and it is gratifying to see that the increase in circulation in the past four years has been steady, amounting, since 1891, to nearly ten thousand volumes.

The circulation in the reading room is not included in the above; it amounted in 1894 to 13,030; in 1893, 12,084; 1892, 11,073; 1891, 10,743, showing a steady increase. This year, however, the circulation in the rooms has fallen off materially, and if the rate of January and February is maintained will foot up for the year about 10,000. This decrease is explained in two ways; some say the number of people who now have employment cuts down the reading room patronage, and others claim that the present reading room is not so attractive or so commodious and well lighted as the one in the Hub building, where the library was formerly located.

Fiction, of course, leads in the circulation, nearly nine-tenths of the circulation in '94 being in that class—to be exact, 89.81 per cent. In the twelve years' life of the Wheeling library the percentage of fiction read has varied but little. The record follows: 1883, .8414; 1884, .8446; 1885, .8233; 1886, .8411; 1887, .8599; 1888, .8692; 1889, .8755; 1890, .8709; 1891, .8983; 1892, .8936; 1893, .8971; 1894, .8981. The gradual increase is partly explained by the heavy demand for "juveniles" of which there is a large number on the shelves of the library.

In 1894, biography and history ranked next to fiction in popularity, each having a percentage of .0218; philology found few students, the circulation amounting to only eight volumes, or .0001 per cent.

When the library opened in '83 about 3,000 volumes were on the shelves. Since then the city board of education has maintained its liberal policy, many new volumes being added each month, until to-day there are over 16,000 books catalogued, and the city has an institution of which she may well be proud and which her citizens appreciate by their patronage.

During the past month the following books have been added:

Allen, J. L.—Kentucky Cardinals—5329.  
Barr, Mrs.—Flower of Gales Water—5360.  
Belmont, R.—For Women of the West—5361.  
Caine, H.—A Son of Hagar—5362.  
Clifford, Mrs. W. K.—A Flash of Summer—5363.  
Dodd, A. M.—In Wild Rose Time—5364.  
Hubbard, Albert—No Enemy (But Himself)—5365.  
Kings, Charles—Under Fire—5366.  
Lawrence, Hon. Emily—Machib—5367.  
McCarthy, J. H.—Woman of Impulse—5368.  
Marlowe, Kirk—Under Orders—5369.  
Murphy, M. N.—Phantoms of the Footbridge—5370.  
Phillips, Eden—Folly and Fresh Air—5371.  
Fardou, Victorien—Madame Sans-Gene—5372.  
Treharne, Mrs.—Royal Blood—5373.

SCIENCE AND ARTS—  
Allen, C. D.—American Book Plates—2407.  
Archer, Thomas—Highway of Letters—2408.  
Child, T.—Wings and Claspings—2409.  
Hort and Ward—Cyclopedia of Poetical Quotations—2411.  
Lathrop, G. P. and R. H.—Story of Courage—2412.  
Love, W. de Low—Fast and Thanksgiving Days of New England—2413.  
Mason, Henry—References for Literary Workers—2414.  
Miller, A. T.—Our Home Pets—2415.  
Morris, H. S.—Tales from Ten Poets, 3 vols.—2416.  
Salisbury, George—Corrected Impressions—2419.  
Saintsbury, George—Short History of French Literature—2420.  
Tyler, M. G.—Three Men of Letters—2421.  
Wallace's Year Book, 1894—2422.  
Wittmeyer, Mrs. Annie—Under the Gun—2423.

HISTORY—  
Pennypacker, S. W.—Historical and Biographical Sketches—1234.  
Boggs, Z. A.—Story of Vedic India—1235.  
Hosworth, T. R.—History of the West—1236.  
Schacht, J. P.—History of the Confederate States Navy—1237.  
Young, A.—History of the Netherlands—1238.  
Low, Charles—Alexander III of Russia—1182.  
Grosman, E. B.—Edwin Booth—1183.  
Lee, Fitzhugh—Gen. R. E. Lee—1184.

THEOLOGY—  
Bhikshu, Subhadra—Buddhist Catechism—238.  
Griffie, William E.—Religions of Japan—239.  
Parsons, T.—Victory of Religion—240.  
Hogan, A.—History of the People of Israel—241. Vol. 4.

MARRIAGE LICENSES LAST YEAR.

County Clerk Hook has made his yearly report to the state auditor, showing that there were 445 marriage licenses issued last year. Of the men three were between sixty and seventy years, while but one woman was above sixty. There were 25 men and but 8 women above forty-five years. The women under twenty numbered 98, while there were only 18 men.

"County Fair" Last Night.

Yesterday afternoon and last night the Old Burgess company presented that old time favorite piece, "The County Fair," that bids fair to go on forever. The audience made up for mere numbers. The specialty work in the third act was well received, Miss Jack's dancing being really first class.

## THE MANITOBA REBELLION.

A Wheeling Man Who Served in the Riel Rebellion Talks About the Country.

The present situation of affairs in Manitoba has been made fairly familiar to the public through the newspapers. The last former trouble in that Canadian province, when Louis Riel, a half-breed, led a revolt, is remembered by all readers of the newspapers of 1885, when the "Riel rebellion" occurred. There is in Wheeling a gentleman who saw most of that war and was in it to a large extent.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, of Dun's commercial agency, served against Riel's forces, being a member at that time of the Manitoba militia. When Riel rebelled the second time—the first time being in the 60's—the mounted police, who serve as constabulary all over the country, were sent against him. They did good service, but the rebellion got beyond their power to cope with. Finally the militia were ordered out, and they whipped the rebels.

Yesterday Mr. Wilson told an INTELLIGENCER reporter something about his experience in that war. He said the French inhabitants had always had a dream of regaining dominion over Canada. Riel was the reputed son of a man in very high position in Montreal, where he graduated from the university. He had great influence over the half-breeds and Indians, and when he started his movement for an independent government they all joined him. He was first imprisoned and afterwards hanged.

The militia left Winnipeg by railroad, and went to the point nearest to the scene of war they could thus reach. The first real war was at Batoche, which Riel fortified. From the railroad to this place the men had to march thirty-five miles on foot and then go a considerable way by steamboat, on the Saskatchewan river. The difficulty of the service will be seen when it is recalled that Manitoba reaches from the province of Ontario to British Columbia, and runs as far north, to use Mr. Wilson's words, as you can get.

When the militia reached Kingston in that engagement they found snow eight to ten feet deep on the ground. The north shore of Lake Superior was covered with ice so that they could march on it. But when they reached a point in the interior, no farther south, they found the farmers plowing.

The country has few large towns, Mr. Wilson says. The only industry, practically, is farming, and largely wheat growing. Along the line of railroad there are many settlements, but back from it the population is sparse.

The present trouble differs from all former ones in the fact that the people who seem to be about to oppose the government are protestants and English-speaking people. Heretofore all troubles have mainly come from French Catholics. The present trouble is the outcome of an effort on the part of the Canadian government to have the Manitoba parliament pass a law restoring to Catholic schools the right to share the public school funds. Said Mr. Wilson: "The feeling between the two religions runs high there, and if there is not a terrible religious war there some day I shall be greatly surprised."

## FATHER BOULOU PREACHED

To a Large Congregation at the Cathedral Last Evening.

Rev. Father Boulou, of Mountville, preached the Lenten sermon last night at the Cathedral. The usual large audience gathered to hear him. He opened his discourse with the parable of the prodigal son and described in a pathetic way the feelings of the father in the parable. Then he took up the dispositions of the repentant child, and this led him into the feelings of a repentant sinner. He took up especially the necessary requirement for repentance. This resolve, as the speaker explained, must be internal, universal for a supernatural motive and efficacious. That is, it must come from the heart; it must be a resolve not to commit any sin whatsoever; the resolve must spring from faith. Natural reasons for avoiding sinful actions are good but a Christian should have a higher motive. Then it must be efficacious, that is firm determination. Means must be used to acquire the end.

Sinners can be divided into different classes as the reverend father explained. Some are habitual sinners; some are relapsing ones. He then explained what a habit is and how it is acquired by our frequent acts, and is lost by the cessation of those acts. He took for an example many ordinary habits. Then he explained how habits are lost by contrary acts, as, for example, a person speaking a tongue different from his mother one, soon loses his facility in the latter. God has instilled this quality of acquiring habits for our own good and not for our harm, and so we are obliged to get good habits. One addicted to a bad habit the reverend speaker called an habitual sinner. The habit takes deep root and is hard to eradicate. It may be the work of years to destroy.

"To this class I would recommend," said the Rev. Father, "daily examination of conscience." He gave other recommendations and here he grew very eloquent when he showed the evil effects of bad habits, what a slave it will make of an intellectual creature gifted with noble talent who is dragged into the mire of sin. He encouraged those to strengthen themselves with the help of the sacraments; they must not get discouraged and say "I can't." You can do all things in Him, who strengthens you. If you do break your resolution arouse yourself and begin over again with renewed determination. Go to the sacraments and find strength which will be your help to arouse yourself from every evil habit.

After the sermon the congregation united in singing the hymn and the services closed with benediction of the blessed sacrament.

## LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

A note was broken at the Wheeling steel plant night before last, causing a shut down of a day.

OFFICER BARR last night locked up John Eighenborg on a charge of being drunk and noisy on the street.

THOMAS McNAMARA, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. McNamara, of South McCulloch street, died at his home in South Chicago on Saturday last.

CLERK Hook yesterday admitted to record a deed made December 19, 1891, by David M. Blaney and wife to Lewis W. Barr, for \$2402, two rods and thirty-three perches of land.

YESTERDAY NASHBUTT & Devine, the real estate men, sold the Myers property in North Denwood to William Rohrig for \$1,500, and the Flaig property, on Wood street, to John M. Weith for \$1,400.

LUCY HAYS was before Squire Gillespie last night on a charge of keeping a house of ill fame, and was dismissed. The case of Hattie Grantham Johnson, for assault on Lucy Hays, was set for this evening.

In the police court yesterday morning the two Frenchmen arrested at the corner of Twelfth and Market streets the night before for drunkenness and

disorderly conduct paid their fines and Tillie Blake, for "being out," was sent to jail.

A SELECT cotillion party will be held at the hall this evening, at which the music will be by Mayor's orchestra. The committee in charge are C. E. Rodacker and R. W. Welsh, who have secured Prof. C. J. Mayors to call the figures.

THERE will be special services at the Second Presbyterian church to-night and Friday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Bigger, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, will preach at both services. The services will be attended by large congregations, it is expected.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mrs. Jacob Younginger is visiting her daughter at Clarksburg.

Dr. John C. Hupp has moved into his new residence, 59 Fourteenth street.

## DAILY RIVER BULLETIN

From United States Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.  
COMPILED AT 12 (NOON).

STATIONS.	Height of Water—feet.	Change since last report.	Latent in fall.	State of Weather.
Warren	5.0	10.4	.02	Cloudy
Oil City	6.0	10.6	.02	Cloudy
Clarksburg	4.9	11.1	.01	Pt. cloudy
Parker's Landing	7.8	9.4	.01	Pt. cloudy
Brookville	2.2	10.6	T	Clear
Mahoning	7.7	10.2	2	Pt. cloudy
Stoyestown	2.6	1.0	.15	Pt. cloudy
Johnstown	4.0	11.7	0	Clear
Salsburg	3.5	11.5	.10	Pt. cloudy
Freepot	12.6	9.3	.10	Clear
Confluence	5.2	11.5	.10	Pt. cloudy
West Newton	5.2	10.9	0	Clear
Weston	0.5	0	T	Cloudy
Philips	1.6	10.1	0	Clear
Fairmont	2.3	0.5	T	Clear
Morgantown	8.7	10.2	.01	Clear
Rowlesburg	3.5	10.5	0	Clear
Greensboro	11.1	10.1	T	Pt. cloudy
Lock No. 4	11.0	9.5	.02	Pt. cloudy
Pittsburgh	12.1	9.9	.02	Clear
Davis Island Dam	12.5	9.9	.01	Clear
Elwood Junction	6.6	9.0	.01	Clear
Wheeling, W. Va.	15.8	9.3	0	Clear
Parkersburg	13.2	9.2	0	Clear
Cincinnati	23.2	11.6	0	Pt. cloudy
Louisville	16.6	10.5	0	Cloudy
Evansville	24.8	11.7	0	Clear
Cairo	32.2	10.0	T	Cloudy
Memphis	23.5	9.3	.12	Rain.
St. Louis	6.6	9.7	T	Clear
Chattanooga	11.3	11.7	0	Cloudy
Nashville	27.3	12.5	0	Cloudy
Vicksburg	26.8	9.8	0	Clear

River Forecast—A slight fall.  
—Indicates water is below zero of gauge; indicates a fall; \* indicates a rise.

## NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats.

The River Interests.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Lizzie Ray, Huntington, Charleston, 6 a. m.  
Ben Hur, Kempt, Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.  
Liberty, Booth, Clarksburg, 3:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Iron Queen, Calhoun, Pittsburgh, 7 a. m.  
H. K. Bedford, Green, Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.  
Hudson, Agnew, Cincinnati, 8 a. m.  
Courier, Gamble, Pittsburgh, 10:30 p. m.  
Liberty, Booth, Clarksburg, 3:30 p. m.  
Lexington, Cline, Matamoras, 10:30 a. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Ben Hur, Kempt, Parkersburg, 10:30 a. m.  
Courier, Gamble, Pittsburgh, 10 p. m.  
Liberty, Booth, Clarksburg, 3:30 p. m.

Col. Amos Stickney, United States engineer, in charge of government improvements on the Ohio river, will be one of the corps of engineers who are to accompany the Mississippi river commission to New Orleans from St. Louis on their semi-annual tour of inspection of the government work.

Rivermen are of the opinion that the United States snagboat should be kept at this end of the river instead of at Cincinnati. More accidents occur at this end to coal fleets, and if the snagboat was here it could do better service. The boat seldom reaches here for the reason that when it gets started this way the river gets too low.

At the annual meeting of the Little Kanawha Transportation Company the following were elected as directors for the ensuing year. Senator J. N. Camden, I. J. Jackson, Supervising Inspector W. N. Chancellor, S. P. Wells, J. M. Jackson, S. Merrill and J. F. Raibbone. The operating expenses were \$3,188, while \$15,951 were collected for tolls. Dividends were ordered to amount to \$6,631.

Bids for the contracts to hire two dredging plants for the Ohio river were opened in the office of the United States Engineer Stickney yesterday. The Monongahela & Western Company, of Pittsburgh, bid for dredge and three dump scows \$125 a day, towboat \$75 a day; W. A. Kirk, of Madison, Ind., \$40 for dredge and scows, \$30 for towboat; H. S. Brown, of Quincy, Ill., \$45 for dredge and scows, \$20 for towboat; Eikel, Arnold & Co., Evansville, Ind., \$48 for dredge and scows, \$40 for towboat.—Cincinnati Tribune.

## THE COAL FLEET PASSES.

The Raymond Horner was the first boat of the Pittsburgh coal fleet that passed Wheeling yesterday, arriving here at noon. She had 12 coal boats in tow and added 5 more at Belaire. The Acorn with 6 boats and 4 barges and the Ida Budd with 12 barges were the next ones to pass, at 2 p. m. The W. G. Horner and a tow of 14 boats passing at 3:30 p. m. Others that went down during the evening were: Nellie Walton, 2 boats and 12 barges; Twilight, 8 boats; Harry Brown, 10 boats and 2 barges; Charles Brown, 5 boats and 12 barges; Ark, 14 barges; total, 62 boats and 58 barges, aggregating about 1,500,000 bushels.

FROM POINTS ABOVE. (6 P. M.)

Morgantown—River 8 feet 7 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and warmer.

Greensboro—River 10 feet and falling. Weather fair with high winds.

Warren—River 4 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and mild.

Oil City—River 5 feet 8 inches and falling. Weather partly cloudy and warm.

Pittsburgh—River 11 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather rainy.

## Terrible Itching

"I had what the doctors pronounced to be eczema. It was accompanied by severe itching, and my limbs pained me a good deal and were swollen. I became all broken out with pimples. This caused me to scratch, and the eruptions turned into one solid sore. The disease spread all over my body. At length, my attention was called to Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I concluded to give it a trial. This was in April, and I continued faithfully with it until Christmas. At the same time I took the medicine, I ate anything that suited my appetite."

I am now cured and have no signs of the disease except a little inflamed color where the sores gathered. Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or grip, but act promptly, easily and efficiently. 25c.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

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5 lbs. best Ginger Snaps.....	25c
2 lbs. best California Prunes.....	25c
6 lbs. best California Raisins.....	25c
5 lbs. best Butter Crackers.....	25c
5 lbs. best Corn Starch.....	25c
5 lbs. Carolina Rice.....	25c
5 lbs. Tapioca.....	25c
6 bottles Ketchup.....	25c
3 bottles Pickles.....	25c
Choice Cal. Evap. Peaches, per lb.....	10c
Choice Cal. Evap. Apples, per lb.....	10c
Choice fresh Salmon, per can.....	8c
Best Lunch and Lemon Cakes, per box.....	6c
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## HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS.

Sealed Proposals!

Proposals to furnish medicine and medical attendance for one year from the first day of April, 1895, to all persons confined in the county jail, will be received at the office of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ohio and Monday, the first day of April, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Proposals should be enclosed in sealed envelopes and directed to the undersigned.

T. C. MUFFAT, Clerk.

PROPOSALS FOR PAVING.

Proposals will be received by the city of Wheeling until Saturday, April 28, at 6 o'clock p. m., for grading and paving with fire brick Fourth street from Eighth to Fourth street, crossing and Marshall street from River to bridge to Whiteman's. All bids to be made by the yard for grading and paving concrete. Specifications can be seen at the Mayor's office. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Address all bids to S. L. Bell, Chairman of Committee on Streets, Allevs and Grades.

THOS. SIEPMA, Mayor.

CHAS. MORGAN, City Recorder.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals for the erection of a brick Machinery Hall and Shop, to be built near the Fourth street, W. Va., will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of Saturday, April 6, 1895.

Plans and specifications of said building can be seen on and after March 25, at the office of R. F. Wyatt, Charleston; S. H. Turner, Parkersburg; or S. R. Hansen, McMechen, W. Va. All bids must be sealed and may be delivered to the Board of Regents, West Virginia College, Charleston, W. Va., addressed to the Board of Regents, West Virginia College, Charleston, W. Va.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

S. R. HANSEN, Secretary Board of Regents W. Va. College, Charleston, W. Va.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

Pittsburgh, Wheeling & Kentucky Ry. Co.